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Hough taken to hospital after dance

Cost of dressing for success: $150K

POLITICS Dressing up the self-styled hockey mom cost the Republican National Committee more than $150,000.

Small potatoes in a big election, Republican officials said, after trips to Saks Fifth Avenue in New York and St. Louis and Neiman Marcus in Minneapolis for Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin were uncovered by politico.com, a U.S. political website.

Sarah Palin

The revelation capped a tough 24 hours for the prospective vice-president, who is trying to appeal to the "average American." In addition, there are published reports that Palin charged Alaska taxpayers more than $21,000 for airfare and hotel accommodation so her children could travel with her to events.

Palin's shopping spree, according to politico.com:

- $49,425.74 — Saks Fifth Avenue in St. Louis and New York
- $75,062.63 — Two shopping trips to Neiman Marcus in Minneapolis
- $4,716.49 — Hair and makeup through September
- $5,102.71 — Payment to Bloomingdale's New York
- $789.72 — Payment to Barney's New York
- $9,447.71 — Total of three payments to Macy's in Minneapolis
- $196 — Two purchases at Pacifier, a baby store
- $4,902.45 — Payment to Atelier, a high-class shopping destination for men.

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McCaig on the Canucks

Economy **Loonie continues freefall**

RAFE ARNOLD/METRO VANCOUVER

Pedestrians outside the downtown Vancouver HSBC at Georgia and Hornby streets yesterday. The loonie dropped below 80 cents US for the first time in three years when markets closed yesterday. Story, page 5

Tax cuts announced

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B.C. will cut personal income taxes and increase spending in capital infrastructure while reining in avoidable government spending to keep the province's economy sailing forward amid ebbing world economic tides, Premier Gordon Campbell announced yesterday.

"The global economic crisis is not someone else's problem, it's all of our problem," said Campbell during a live televised address. "Our province is directly impacted by events beyond our control."

New Democrat Leader Carole James slammed the plan, calling it a "hodgepodge" of ideas that missed the "biggest tax of all," Campbell's carbon tax.

In all, the premier announced nine initiatives totalling $485 million over three years — to boost economic competitiveness. The legislature will be recalled Nov. 20 to implement the plan.

It includes:

- Accelerated tax relief for small businesses.
- A school property tax rebate for light and heavy industry.
- A 33 per cent reduction in ferry fares for December and January and the restoration of all ferry service levels for all routes.
- Unlimited deposit protection for credit unions.
- A new private-sector pension for British Columbians without access to pension plans.

However, the plan with perhaps the most impact on wallets is a personal income tax cut of five per cent, retroactive to the start of 2008.

The cut, which will put $144 million into taxpayers' hands, includes the two per cent cut introduced this summer with Campbell's carbon tax as well a further three per cent reduction planned for January.

'Deficit-free zone'

- Unlike Ontario, which announced yesterday it would run a $500-million deficit, Campbell said B.C. had worked hard to be a "deficit-free zone" and would continue that way.

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Indie-rockers play free for Insite today

CLINIC Vancouver's supervised injection site is getting some high-profile backing today by Canadian indie-rockers Bedouin Soundclash, who are playing a free concert outside Insite to support the clinic.

The event, Play Music Not Politics, starts at 5:30 p.m. with a live DJ and free food. The band steps behind the mic at 6:30 p.m.

Jay Malinowski, the Juno Award-winning group's lead singer and guitarist, said he contacted Insite about doing a concert because he wanted to show support for the clinic's initiatives.

"I grew up in Vancouver … and it think (Insite) is a really positive thing," Malinowski told Metro yesterday.

"Seeing how the health minister and Stephen Harper have ignored the medical evidence that suggests (Insite users) are improving their lives and stopping the spread of disease is … small-minded."

Mark Townsend, executive director of Portland Hotel Society, which operates Insite, said it helps the clinic's cause to have a name like the Bedouin Soundclash backing the program.

"Everything helps," he added. "From the people writing a letter to the prime minister, to someone who gives a donation of $20."

After the free concert, Bedouin Soundclash is performing at the Commodore Ballroom. KRISTEN THOMPSON /METRO VANCOUVER

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Jay Malinowski, lead singer of Bedouin Soundclash

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Madonna look-alikes strike a pose today

It's Guy Ritchie's nightmare: Twenty-five "Madonna-bes" all at the same place. The wannabe material girls are at the Coquitlam Centre today from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. hoping to out-dance each other in 95 Crave's Madonnathon radio contest. The winner gets $10,000 and tickets to Madge's sold-out Oct. 30 concert. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Thriller night at Kits Beach

An SFU dance club is taking part in a worldwide simultaneous dance to Michael Jackson's Thriller on Saturday at 11 a.m. by unleashing its own zombie dancers in front of the Watermark Restaurant at Kits Beach. Donations from the event's participants and spectators will go to the Vancouver Food Bank. Thriller enthusiasts will take part in 97 events in 12 countries at exactly the same time. METRO VANCOUVER

Boy faces charges after seawall fall

A 14-year-old Vancouver boy is under arrest and and facing charges after allegedly pushing a 40-year-old man over the seawall near Harbour Green Park in Stanley Park.

The man suffered cuts but no broken bones in the roughly two-metre fall at about 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday. Witnesses heard an altercation between the man and eight others — three were adults from Surrey and five were youth from Burnaby and Vancouver — but police don't know what they were arguing about.

The suspects scattered, but were all later picked up and interviewed by police. A 16-year-old Burnaby girl was initially arrested. It is not clear if the suspects knew each other.

MARIA COOTAUCO/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Man in alleged anti-gay assault files civil lawsuit

ASSAULT A Vancouver man whose jaw was broken in an allegedly anti-gay assault on Davie Street has launched a lawsuit against his supposed attacker.

Jordan Smith, 27, is suing Michael Kandola, 20, after Kandola allegedly approached Smith while he was walking hand-in-hand with a male friend, and punched him unconscious.

Kandola was arrested shortly after and charged with aggravated assault.

The Vancouver Police have recommended Kandola be charged with a hate crime, which allows for a higher sentence.

Smith's civil suit claims he is enduring pain and costs for medical treatment, and loss of enjoyment of life and income as a result of the attack

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Marijuana Party Spreading their be-leafs

RAFF ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Jodie and Marc Emery campaign along Davie Street yesterday. The two are B.C. Marijuana Party candidates in the Vancouver-Fairview and Vancouver-Burrard provincial byelections. The Prince of Pot is scheduled to return to court Dec. 1 to continue fighting extradition to the U.S. for selling marijuana seeds over the Internet to American customers.

News in brief

BODY Police have identified the body found in Stave Lake as John Kahler, 29. The Langley man went missing last November while on a camping trip. A kayaker spotted his body floating in the lake on the weekend. Police said there are no signs of foul play.

CROSSBOW A 19-year-old B.C. man was rushed to hospital yesterday morning after he accidentally shot himself in the head with a crossbow during a house party yesterday morning, CBC News Online reports. The man was flown from his home near Fernie, B.C. to Calgary for treatment.

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Bomb threat closes Pitt River bridge

SCARE The Pitt River Bridge in Pitt Meadows reopened just before noon yesterday after a bomb threat shut it down for 2 1/2 hours.

Coquitlam RCMP received a call at 8:45 a.m. and closed the bridge to search the area, but did not find anything suspicious.

The closure resulted in long lineups — up to an hour and a half in both directions. METRO VANCOUVER

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Smart Cookies share financial wisdom with high-schoolers

Metro columnists The Smart Cookies are conducting a series of financial learning seminars in B.C. high schools this fall sponsored by The British Columbia Securities Commission. The five women will speak about teaching financial life skills to young people in order to avoid the debt they found themselves in before forming a money group. METRO VANCOUVER

Man left paralyzed warns against flu shot

NEW WESTMINSTER With the flu season approaching, a New Westminster man is warning the risks of the flu vaccine can outweigh its benefits after the shot left him paralyzed for five months.

Richard Ryan, 44, said he went to the doctor with back pain and numbness two weeks after getting a flu shot last year, CBC News Online reports.

He was told he had Guillain-Barré syndrome, an autoimmune disease that attacks the nervous system.

Within hours of his doctor's appointment, he was paralyzed.

He spent the next 10 days recovering in hospital.

He now has Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, which has left him heavily medicated. He is also unable to work due to his condition.

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One in a million chance

- The health care professionals who administer the flu shot tell all patients there is a one in a million chance of developing Guillain-Barré syndrome.

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Two female drivers tailed in Vancouver

Police say incidents may be attempted carjackings

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Vancouver

Police yesterday said they are investigating two reports of lone women drivers being followed Tuesday morning as they drove their BMWs in downtown Vancouver.

One woman was driving in the area of 41st Avenue and Oak Street at about 2:10 a.m. when she noticed a silver Sunfire following her. After making four turns and still being trailed by the car, she got on her phone and began driving toward the Cambie Street police station.

The driver turned off when a taxi came between the two cars.

A second woman was rear-ended by a dark minivan in the 1000-block of West King Edward Street at about 6:10 a.m.

The woman stayed in her car and kept the doors locked as the man walked up to the car. When the woman said she had called police, the man drove away.

Investigators later found that the van was sporting stolen licence plates.

Police are investigating the incidents as possible carjackings or robberies.

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COPE uses text messages to keep voters informed

MONICA MARTINEZ
for Metro Vancouver

TECHNOLOGY The Coalition of Progressive Electors takes text messaging to a political level to reach out to its young supporters.

COPE is partnering with local company iamota to engage voters using their preferred method of contact — cellphones.

"It is one element of the strategy," said Rachel Marcuse, the party's campaign co-manager.

"We are using text messaging along with Facebook, Youtube and Twitter to notify people on events, reminders, advanced polls, etc."

Standard text messaging fees apply.

Marcuse said there will be only one message sent per week leading up to the election.

The organization's initiative is inspired by U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's move to reveal his running-mate in a text message sent out to 2.9 million supporters.

Number

- To sign up, text "COPE" to 333777.

News in brief

PLATFORM NPA mayoral candidate Peter Ladner announced his economic development strategy for Vancouver yesterday. It includes running economic development from the mayor's office, recruiting corporate head offices and creating a high-tech business park on the False Creek Flats.

BUSES The Coalition of Progressive Electors is supporting a "more buses now" campaign launched by bus drivers in Metro Vancouver. The party wants a free bus that would travel between downtown and the Broadway Corridor along Main and Burrard streets.

SUSPECTS Police released photos of a man and woman suspected of using a credit card stolen from one of several elderly victims of a distraction scam. Thieves pretend to help remove a stain on a senior's clothing only to steal their wallets.

ARREST The RCMP said yesterday they've arrested a man in connection with at least eight robberies in Chilliwack. Ronald George McDowell, 43, was arrested Monday and appeared in court yesterday.

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Canada, South Korea to talk beef exports

Canada will begin negotiations with South Korea on Nov. 3 to resume beef shipments to the Asian nation, which were banned in May 2003 due to mad cow concerns, Ottawa said yesterday. Before Korea closed its borders to Canadian beef, it represented the fourth-largest market for the industry with $50 million in annual sales. REUTERS

Canada

No U.S.-style meltdown here: TD

The drop in Canadian home prices in September may not be as severe as it seemed, TD Securities said yesterday, bolstering the case that the country is not headed for a housing meltdown. A TD report argued that home prices fell 1.3 per cent in major Canadian markets in September, not the dramatic 6.2 per cent drop that was reported by the Canadian Real Estate Association last week. REUTERS

Loonie at 3-year low

The Canadian dollar was whacked to its lowest level versus the American dollar in more than three years yesterday, closing below 80 cents US.

"Stand out of the way of this freight train," said Steve Butler, director of foreign exchange at Scotia Capital. "You just cannot call an end to this move at this moment or a bottom for the Canadian dollar."

Butler added the speed and depth of the Canadian dollar's fall surprised him, but that the turbulence in the market has been longer and more severe than anyone had anticipated.

On the heels of its 17.5 per cent surge last year, when it rose above the U.S. dollar for the first time in more than 30 years, the Canadian dollar is now down 21 per cent this year.

It closed yesterday at 79.70 cents US.

While, in theory, this may sound like good news for Canada's tourism industry — it would be cheaper for Americans and others to vacation here — the looming global recession is likely to keep the bulk of those would-be travellers at home.

> **"Stand out of the way of this freight train."**
> Steve Butler

Even Canada's exporters, who usually find more buyers when our dollar is lower, are expecting to have trouble finding customers at any price.

"Many companies are reporting new orders are falling right off. A lot of that's due to the credit problems," Jay Myers, president of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, said yesterday.

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News in brief

QUEBEC One of two men wanted in connection with the heist of more than a tonne of dynamite in northeastern Quebec has been arrested, CBC News Online reports. Provincial police apprehended Mike Gagnon, 28, on Tuesday night at a gas station in Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, outside Quebec City.

ONTARIO Wounded by the global economic slowdown, Ontario expects to swing from a budget surplus to a deficit of $500 million in the current fiscal year as it projects revenues to be $918 million less than forecast. The province yesterday said that it plans to rein in spending on some programs to limit its first shortfall in four years. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Grit leadership race heats up

LIBERALS New Brunswick MP Dominic LeBlanc looks certain to run for the Liberal leadership as pressure mounts on former New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna to toss his hat in the ring as well.

And former justice minister Martin Cauchon told Torstar News Service he's "very much tempted" to join the contest to replace Stéphane Dion, who announced this week he was stepping down.

While no one has officially declared intent to run yet, it's likely LeBlanc will challenge Toronto MPs Bob Rae and Michael Ignatieff, the presumptive front-runners in the leadership race.

Meanwhile, McKenna, former ambassador to the U.S. and New Brunswick's Liberal premier for 10 years, is mulling a leadership run, long-time friend David Peterson says.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fundraiser **Beautiful biathlon**

ROBIN KUNISS/FOR METRO CANADA

Members of Canada's elite women's biathlon team roller-skied down a Calgary street yesterday to promote their new 14-month 'nude' calendar called Bold Beautiful Biathlon. The calendars will raise money for team costs leading up to the 2010 Olympics.

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Critical time for Liberals

Home&Abroad

Andrew Cohen

Canada & world insight

Conventional wisdom holds that the Liberal Party of Canada, post-election, will sink into a long season of despair, division and decline. Not so fast.

It won't help that the proud Stéphane Dion — who did not deserve the character assassination he has stoically endured — will stay on until a leadership convention. It means he will be hit by friendly fire as his successors rush to distance themselves from his leadership and his losing policies, such as the Green Shift.

But the good news for the Liberals is that they have strong contenders, as strong as they have had since 1968, when they chose Pierre Trudeau, or since 1984, when they chose John Turner. Unlike the coronations of 1990 and 2003, which produced Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin on the first ballot, this contest will be more open.

For a party desperate to renew itself, this is critical. The more candidates, the broader the process.

This time, the field will be broader and deeper than in 2006. That's because the leading contenders are stronger.

Michael Ignatieff, the front-runner last time, has sat in Parliament since February 2006. As deputy leader, he has performed with style and eloquence. If the rap against him was political inexperience, it is no longer.

Bob Rae, his rival, has run and won a seat as a Liberal. The rap against him is that he was a New Democrat who was an ineffective premier of deficit-ridden Ontario. He cannot erase his past — the Conservatives won't let him — but he will run as someone who is as effective in opposition as in power.

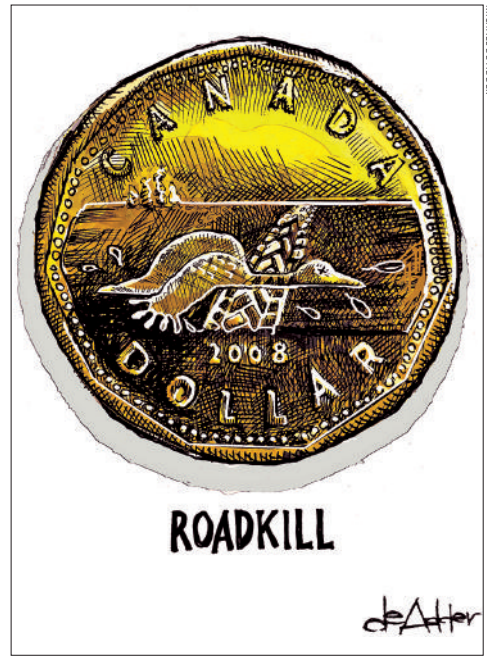
John Manley and Frank McKenna, should they run, bring the quality of elder statesmen, yet are young enough to renew the party.

All are bilingual, experienced, serious players. Stephen Harper, take note.

The rest of the field? Gerard Kennedy and Martha Hall Findlay may run again, though other than having been elected, neither appears stronger than two years ago. Dominique LeBlanc may run, and so might Denis Coderre, but it's not a francophone's turn this time.

Of course, the Liberal malaise runs deeper than leadership. They need money, ideas and reorganization. Contrary to popular belief, though, this party is not over.

Andrew Cohen, a professor and journalist, is the author of Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson.



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Fey glues ears down to look like Palin

Saturday Night Live actress Tina Fey says she glues her ears down for her popular television impressions of Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin, but it took her a while to accept she was almost a perfect double of Palin. REUTERS

World/Business

British politician denies seeking illegal donation

A Russian billionaire, a yacht on the Mediterranean, allegations of secret donations and betrayal — all the ingredients the British media need to start a feeding frenzy.

After being exposed by an old friend, a senior British opposition politician has admitted he met Russia's wealthiest man on his $150 million US yacht in the Mediterranean.

The Conservative party's chief spokesman on finance, George Osborne, says he has done nothing illegal. But the admission he met Oleg Deripaska several times last August, including once on his yacht, has revived an image of the Conservatives as elitist that they have long sought to shed.

Nathaniel Rothschild, a fund manager who is heir to a $1.5-billion banking fortune and helped set up the meetings on the island of Corfu, says Osborne used them to try to solicit a large donation to the Conservative party from Deripaska.

Osborne denies seeking any such donation, which would have been illegal as it would have come from a foreign citizen, but has confirmed almost everything else.

REUTERS

Details

- Rothschild revealed the meetings in a letter to the Times newspaper, apparently irritated that Osborne had given details to the press of conversations he had on the yacht with another guest, Peter Mandelson, a senior Labour politician.

China name eight alleged terrorists

SECURITY China released a wanted list of eight "terrorists" it said had threatened the Beijing Olympics and were bent on achieving independence for its restive western region of Xinjiang.

The eight, all members of China's mainly Muslim minority Uighur group, belonged to the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM), which the United Nations listed in 2002 as a terrorist organization with links to al-Qaeda, police said.

News in brief

STEM CELLS Researchers have discovered stem cells in the prostates of mice and grown complete prostates from them, but said they want to use the findings to search for better treatments for prostate cancer. The team at California-based Genentech Inc. said human beings have similar stem cells.

REUTERS

Italy Protesters at film festival

MAX ROSSI/REUTERS

A protester is blocked by a security guard as she enters the red carpet area to protest against the decision by Rome Mayor Gianni Alemanno to close buildings occupied by squatters during Rome's film festival yesterday.

Business

Quebecor to spend up to $1B on cell network

WIRELESS Media and publishing group Quebecor Inc. said it will spend up to $1 billion over four years to roll out its wireless network to compete against Canada's Big Three mobile providers.

The company said its new high-speed packet access network, to be run on Nokia Siemens Networks equipment, should be up and running in 12 to 18 months. Quebecor said in September that it could spend between $800 million and $1 billion.

"The projected expenditure includes the cost of acquiring spectrum and operating licences, building out the network and initial operating costs," the company said.

It added the project will create about 1,000 jobs at its Videotron unit over the next two years. REUTERS

Cheesemaker to buy Neilson Dairy

TAKEOVER Canadian cheesemaker Saputo Inc. said it plans to buy Neilson Dairy, owned by George Weston Ltd., for $465 million in an unsolicited offer, subject to regulatory approval.

Saputo officials hope acquiring the dairy product producer will boost its presence in the Ontario fluid milk market. REUTERS

In brief

TRENDS Airfares could decrease in North America next year, and likely declines in occupancy rates will keep hotel room rate increases in check, American Express predicted.

WIRELESS AT&T will sell the BlackBerry Bold for $299 on a two-year contract, or 50 per cent more than it charges for Apple's iPhone. Sales will begin Nov. 4. REUTERS

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Kobe day-to-day

Kobe Bryant hyperextended his right knee in the second quarter of the Los Angeles Lakers' exhibition game Tuesday night. Yesterday, the Lakers said they have no plans to have him undergo an MRI. He is listed as day-to-day. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Favre denies helping Lions

Brett Favre has denied reports that he called former Detroit president Matt Millen a few weeks ago and gave him and Lions coaches information they could use in a game against the Green Bay Packers. Favre, who had a bitter split with the Packers in the off-season, said yesterday that Millen had only called to invite him to go hunting. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Beckham appears headed to AC

SOCCER Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham is in talks with AC Milan over a short-term loan deal which will enable him to stay in contention for the England team during the U.S. close season.

"Will he arrive? I believe so, yes.

"He will stay here at Milan on loan for some months, we are talking about it with his agent," Milan chief executive Adriano Galliani said yesterday.

"We will keep him for some months and then he will leave."

A spokesman for Beckham said talks over a short-term deal were ongoing.

"As yet nothing has been confirmed," he added.

REUTERS

Lay off Luongo; it's still early

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"What's wrong with Roberto?" It seems to be the number one question around the watering hole these days, as the Canucks' captain has been less than his spectacular self outside of an opening night shutout against Calgary.

Disclaimer: no one is hanging the Canucks' four-loss road trip on Luongo, but he hasn't played up to the standard he's set for himself as an elite goaltender.

Though Luongo has been called a slow starter, his 3.34 goals against average puts him on pace for his slowest start in the post-lockout NHL. Since resuming play in 2005, Luongo has posted a GAA of less than 3.00 in the month of October (2.61, 2.15, and 2.96 respectively).

A couple of goose eggs could change his statistics significantly, and given the man's history, the smart money says he'll do just that.

Based on the credit he's established here in Vancouver alone, Canucks nation should back away from the panic button. As soon as Luongo begins playing like Luongo, wins will be more frequent than the past week suggests.

• Kyle Wellwood's jersey will probably never adorn the rafters at GM Place, but no one will be forgetting him anytime soon.

While his conditioning has been suspect, his hands have been anything but, as evidenced by Tuesday's two-point performance in Columbus.

The irony of his impressive showing is that Wellwood admits he did virtually nothing in terms of fitness in the four days leading up to the game, and he credits fresh legs for his play.

He wasn't taking a shot at the Canucks' efforts to whip him in to shape, but he confessed that the ten weeks of sweat and tears had him feeling sluggish on the ice.

This guy obviously doesn't fit the mould of the average NHLer, but given that his offensive capabilities are also well above average, the Canucks may benefit from rethinking the way they approach his conditioning.

Canucks nation should back away from the panic button.

That's to say they should hand him a box of Twinkies and point him in the direction of the nearest recliner, but a little bit of leeway could result in a lot more goals for a group that could use them.

• Nearly 25 years after guiding the Lions to a Grey Cup appearance in a brand new BC Place, Don Matthews returns to the scene of the crime this Saturday with a brand new project.

The Don now leads the same franchise that beat his BC Lions back in 1983, but this Argos crew is nowhere near championship calibre. Not even the infusion of the CFL's all-time winningest coach could turn the tide in T.O. this season, but here's betting the boatmen turn things around in 2009. Matthews is the master of the short-term fix and though his personality doesn't suit everyone, his results do.

Scott Rintoul is a college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. He can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m.

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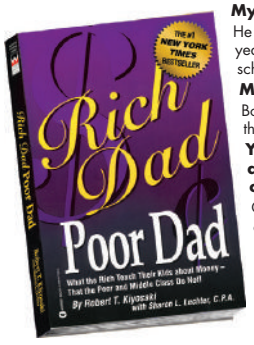

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Phillies take Game 1 in Tampa

WORLD SERIES – GAME 1

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Phillies VS Rays

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Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz and closer Brad Lidge celebrate their win over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 1 of the World Series.

Chase Utley belted a two-run homer in the opening inning and Cole Hamels threw seven strong frames as the Philadelphia Phillies overcame an inefficient offence to hold off the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 in Game 1 of the World Series.

Shane Victorino scored on a Carlos Ruiz groundout in the fourth inning in what proved to be the winning run, and the Phillies were victorious despite going 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position and leaving 11 men on base.

Hamels (1-0), the MVP of the NL Championship Series when the Phillies beat the Dodgers, allowed five hits, two runs and had five strikeouts against a pair of walks. The 24-year-old lefty moved to 4-0 in the 2008 playoffs.

The Phillies are in the Fall Classic for the first time since 1993 and are trying for their second title, aiming to join the 1980 squad.

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	W	L	OL	PTS
Buffalo	5	0	1	11
Montreal	5	0	1	11
Boston	2	1	3	7
Ottawa	2	3	1	5
Toronto	1	2	2	4

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
N.Y. Rangers	6	2	1	13
New Jersey	4	1	0	10
Pittsburgh	4	2	1	9
N.Y. Islanders	2	3	0	4
Philadelphia	0	3	3	3

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	W	L	OL	PTS
Washington	3	1	1	7
Carolina	3	1	1	7
Florida	3	3	0	6
Atlanta	2	2	2	5
Tampa Bay	1	2	3	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
Detroit	4	1	1	9
St. Louis	4	2	0	8
Chicago	3	2	2	8
Nashville	3	3	0	6
Columbus	3	3	0	6

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
Minnesota	4	0	0	8
Edmonton	4	1	0	8
Colorado	3	3	0	6
VANCOUVER	3	4	0	6
Calgary	2	3	1	5

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	OL	PTS
San Jose	6	1	0	12
Dallas	2	4	1	5
Los Angeles	2	3	0	4
Phoenix	2	3	0	4
Anaheim	2	5	0	2

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Florida 3, Ottawa 1
Chicago 3, Edmonton 0
San Jose 7, Philadelphia 6 (SO)
Detroit 4, St. Louis 3
New Jersey 5, Dallas 0

SCORING

	G	A	PTS
Malkin, Pgh	2	9	11
Semin, Wash	6	4	10
P.Stastny, Col	1	9	10
Vanek, Buf	7	2	9
Savard, Bos	5	4	9
Voros, NYR	5	4	9
Dubinsky, NYR	3	6	9
S.Koivu, Mtl	3	6	9
Crosby, Pgh	1	8	9
Kariya, StL	1	8	9

MLB

WORLD SERIES
LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2
(Philadelphia series leads 1-0)

TONIGHT'S GAME
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay
SATURDAY'S GAME
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
SUNDAY'S GAME
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Burris Offensive Player of Week

Henry Burris, right, who threw five touchdown passes to lead the Calgary Stampeders past the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 37-16 last week, was named the CFL's offensive player of the week. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Looking at the Canucks' bright side

TheHockeyNews

Greetings from The Hockey News. We've been asked to provide a weekly "view from afar" column on the Canucks, which, given the godforsaken location of our head office — Toronto — shouldn't be too difficult.

So, your 2008-09 Vancouver Canucks. Northwest Division champs or Western Conference chumps? Stanley Cup contenders or playoff pretenders? It's impossible to know at this stage of the season, but we can be absolutely certain of two things: one, Vancouver can't be scored upon, not ever, not with Roberto Luongo in net; and, two, Vancouver can't score, not ever, not with the likes of Alex Burrows and Steve Bernier leading the way.

That's why the Canucks have surrendered, uh, *25 goals* in their first seven games (about three-and-a-half per contest). And that's why they've scored 22 times, led by Ryan Kesler and Burrows with three goals apiece. (Bernier, Pavol Demitra and rookie Rick Rypien — is anyone calling him 'The Ripper' yet? — each have chipped in with two goals, as have both of the Sedin twins).

Add it all up, and it's all upside-down in Vancouver, a Bizarro World that would make Seinfeld proud (if he knew anything about hockey). Luongo can't stop the puck, and the secondary scorers — who weren't supposed to score at all, if you believed the pre-season naysayers — can't stop putting the puck in the net.

Through it all, the Canucks have opened the season with a 3-4-0 mark, which is probably right around where they would've been if they were playing their traditional no-goals-for, no-goals-against style.

Despite their sub-.500 record, the fact the Canucks are scoring — more importantly, the fact it's not just Henrik and Daniel doing the damage — is a very good sign in Vancouver. Luongo, of course, will come around. It's not like he's doing *that* badly — he did shut out Calgary in the season opener, a 6-0 pounding which has been Vancouver's only home game to this point — but we're used to seeing a lot better than a 3.39 goals-against average and .886 save percentage out of Luongo. The question is, well, the same as it was before: Can the Canucks' secondary scorers provide enough offence behind the top line of Two-Sedins-And-Another-Guy? So far, the view from afar says they can.

The Hockey News
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Wrigley Field game on track

NHL Chicago Blackhawks season-ticket holders will get the first shot at tickets for the New Year's Day game against Detroit at Wrigley Field. The ice surface probably will be positioned in the infield, angled diagonally from first to third base.

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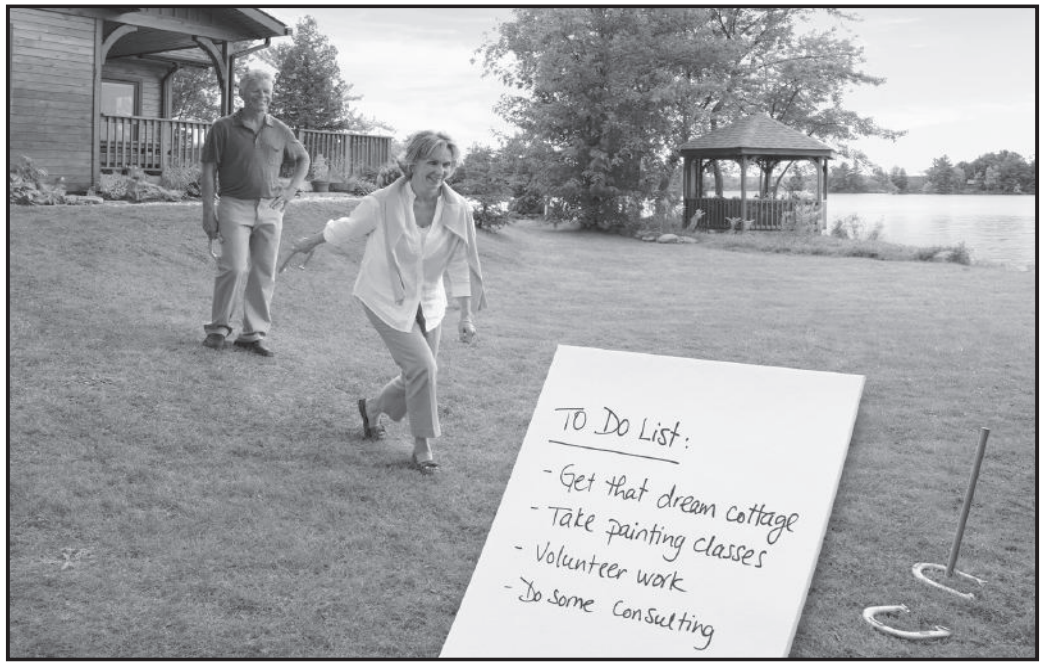

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Nothing beats free

Word-of-mouth advertising great for small businesses

When Anne Day launched her business, Company of Women (companyofwomen.ca), five years ago, she admits she spent a "fortune" on advertising and promotion.

In fact, in the first year, about 50 per cent of her budget went to newspaper ads, and promotional items such as post-it notes bearing the company logo, as well as gifts for renewing members.

Then she discovered something: "If women like something, they tell their friends about it."

So instead of spending all her marketing money on advertising, she began to focus on connecting with other women's networks to promote her business, and on delivering a "quality experience, one they'll remember.

"Then they tell their friends, who tell other people," she says, likening it to the famous Breck hair shampoo commercial: "I told two friends, and they told two friends, and so on, and so on, and…"

In fact, Day believes word of mouth is responsible for 75-80 per cent of her company's growth, which now has 380 annual members, with many more attending a much-expanded roster of breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings.

"By maintaining your standards and constantly asking what your customers want — and listening to them," you can deliver a product that your customers will talk about, she says.

> **"Word of mouth is the most powerful stimulus for marketing. It beats just about everything else."**
> Knud Jensen

And the value of that is apparently priceless, in the advertising world.

"Word of mouth (is) the most powerful stimulus for marketing. It beats just about everything else," says Knud Jensen, a professor specializing in small business strategies and entrepreneurship at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management.

That's because it's not paid for like an advertisement, so there is more of a trust level with it, he says. "For small companies" — with small budgets — "this is even more important," he says.

So how do you get the word out?

One way is to follow the old adage that everyone in your company is a "marketing person," says Jensen. "Think about an accounting person who doesn't see their role as a marketer, but they can still create issues with the suppliers or customers by not being nice or being curt."

Second is managing your reputation," he says. "We buy from companies that we trust."

If women like a company's product, they will tell their friends about it, who will in turn tell their friends, expert says.

But how do you get the process started?

"If you're a small company, your financial resources are small," notes Jensen. "You can't blow a million on communications." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Dreaming of the big picture

UrbanDweller

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I have a dream that all the stuff we buy for our homes is designed and made locally, out of local materials and ingredients from nearby farms instead of far-off nations, for our local esthetic.

I dream of furniture made of wood from our forests, hardware from local manufacturers, and wool and hides from animals that grew up around here.

Nothing against China, but I'd like to support a wide range of industries that reduces shipping and encourages regional identity. It's a big dream, but this week I caught a glimpse of possibility at the current show in the main space at Emily Carr University of Art and Design, at Granville Island.

The exhibit is a retrospective of innovative furnishings, household items and toys created by the latest graduating design students, all served up on a long table decked out with wine glasses, candles and mismatched chairs tucked into the white tablecloth.

The layout conveys a design feast for the eyes, but to me it's dishing out hope for something other than the giant tsunami of the usual plastic crap from halfway around the world as featured in big-box retailers. Instead, here elegant lamps of birch veneer resemble seashells and whimsical rocking toys look like sculpture. Small flat packs of thin plywood unfold into voluptuous vessels, and models of alternative dwelling construction suggest maximum use for the minimum amount of materials. The entire spread engages the viewer, challenging the usual understanding of lamp or toy or bowl or house. It's all about thinking differently about materials and environmental ethics.

CARLYN YANDLE PHOTO

Multifunctional furniture for small urban spaces by Emily Carr's future designers Emily Lin, David Cha and Michael Johnson.

The show is also further example of what I view as a Pacific Rim esthetic. Due in part to trans-Pacific migration, Vancouver has become more akin to the design sensibilities of other Pacific Coasts than the rest of Canada. From Sapporo to Singapore to Sydney to San Francisco, we share a psychological connection to our Rim-side mountainous topography and are drawn to design that reflects and reacts to our watery part of the world. We build for the same mild, wet conditions.

Bright colours that dance in the deserts look downright gaudy here, competing with our cool-blue, grey-green physical environment while the stone and brick foundation of dry-cold Canada leaves us clammy and bone-damp. We need light, breathable wood, sleek, understated design and natural texture — just what this school's newest generation of mostly-Pacific Rim designers have laid out on the table.

HouseLeague

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Assignment-selling can be complicated

As the real estate market continues to soften in the approach of a potential recession, more and more purchasers of pre-built condominiums are contemplating the idea of selling their contracts. This is called the selling of an assignment and can be a more complicated venture than most people assume, with potential legal consequences.

Essentially the key difference between selling a property and selling an assignment is that with one comes the transfer of land and with the other comes a contract giving the right to complete on a property. It is for this reason that it is always advised you use both a realtor and a real estate lawyer to assist you through the process. These professionals will have access to contracts drafted specifically to deal with the complexities of selling and buying assignments.

One of the risks involved is the often misguided notion that once you sell your contract you are no longer liable to the developer. What is important to note is that if the new buyer does not complete on the property, the developer retains the right to seek legal action against the original purchaser. To protect yourself, you can request a release from the developer so that you will not be legally responsible to pay should the "assignee" (individual who purchased the assignment) not be able to complete. While most developers will not grant this request, it is worth asking.

It is also important to know that a developer's permission is usually required to sell an assignment and that some developers charge for it. With all the variables, you should really do your homework. It is not a simple sale and without the help of professionals, you can open yourself up to consequences.

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Slow cooking tips

Dried beans and soups are good candidates for slow cookers. By all means, use a cookbook as a reference for tips and recipes to get you started. Check out the selection at your local library or ask friends. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

"A barbecue sauce with chipotles gives a nice smoky flavour. If you have smoked paprika, try that."

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

Say what?

Boneless pork shoulder is sometimes called Boston butt.

Tender, loving cooking

À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

While slow cooker cookbooks would have you cooking everything in the slow cooker, in my opinion, it is best for braising less tender cuts of meat. So stews, chili, pot roasts and lamb shanks are ideal for the slow cooker — and, of course, a deliciously soft pulled pork sandwich.

Slow cookers are nice to come home to — and the ideal appliance for braising (cooking low and slow in liquid) less tender but flavourful cuts of meat. A pork shoulder roast is a perfect case in point — slow cooking tenderizes the meat such that it shreds easily. Aha — pulled pork. This recipe requires a little planning to make it at least a day ahead. I often let the slow cooker cook it overnight, then cool and refrigerate it during the day. Serve on onion buns with coleslaw.

Pulled Pork

An easy meal that is popular with kids and adults alike (and makes great leftovers). Makes 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lb (1 kg) boneless pork shoulder roast, remove any excess fat
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) prepared mustard
- 6 soft buns
- Coleslaw

Dry Rub:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) each granulated sugar and paprika
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) each brown sugar, ground cumin, chili powder and black pepper
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each salt and cayenne
- 2 onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) smoky barbecue sauce

METHOD:

Spread mustard over pork. Make rub mixture by combing sugar, paprika, brown sugar, cumin, chili powder, pepper, salt and cayenne. Pat evenly over pork. Place in slow cooker, top with onions and barbecue sauce. Cook, covered on LOW for 8 to 10 hours or until very tender.

Transfer pork to a cutting board and cool slightly. Using two forks, shred meat, discarding any fat. Cool, then cover and refrigerate. Put the cooking liquid in a tall bowl, cool then refrigerate to solidify fat. Remove fat and transfer liquid to a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook to reduce and thicken it. (Or blend a little cornstarch with cold water, whisk into cooking liquid and bring to a boil, whisking constantly, until thickened into a sauce.) Add meat to sauce and heat until warmed though. Serve on buns.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

This recipe appears in The Main: Recipes by Anthony Sedlak.

The Main selection

The Main: Recipes cookbook brings together chef Anthony Sedlak's creations from his hit Food Network show The Main. The Main airs weeknights at 7 p.m. ET on the Food Network.

Crab Cakes

For recipes for Grilled Artichokes, Tomato Salsa with Caper mayonnaise to accompany these crab cakes, visit metronews.ca.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
- ½ medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp white wine
- 1 ½ lbs lump crab meat, drained and picked over
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and grated
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup finely chopped chives
- 2 tbsp finely chopped tarragon
- ½ tsp cayenne
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 cup breadcrumbs, divided

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 375 F

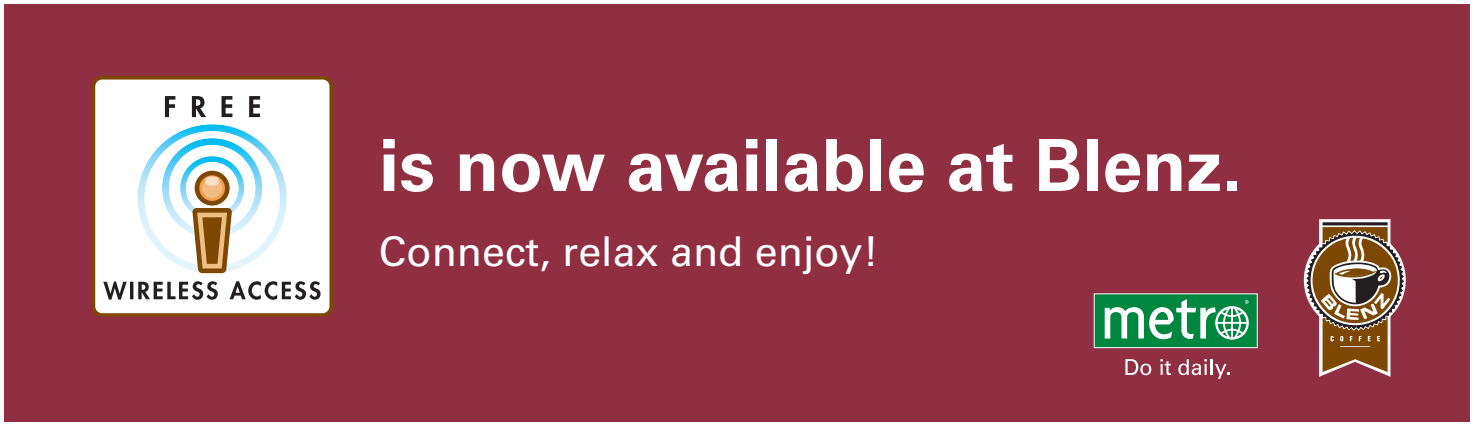
In a skillet, heat 1 tbsp olive oil over low heat. Add onions and celery and cook gently for 3-4 minutes, or until vegetables are soft and translucent.

Add white wine and cook slowly over medium heat, covered, until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat and let mixture cool. In a large bowl, mix crabmeat, apple, mayonnaise, sour cream, chives, tarragon, cayenne and egg yolk. Add 1/3 cup of breadcrumbs. Add onion and celery mixture and combine. Season with salt and pepper. If mixture does not hold together, add more breadcrumbs.

Place remaining 2/3 cup of breadcrumbs into a large shallow dish. Divide crab mixture into 8 portions. Form crab cakes into 2 inch rounds with 1 inch thickness. Dip the top and bottom of each crab cake into breadcrumbs. Set aside on a baking tray.

In a non-stick pan, heat remaining 1 tbsp of oil over medium high heat. Add 4 crab cakes and cook for 2-3 minutes, or until golden brown. Flip crab cakes and sear another 1 minute. Transfer crab cakes to baking sheet. Repeat with remaining cakes.

Place baking sheet in preheated oven, and bake for 6-7 minutes, or until crab cakes are heated through.



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Style

Monica Cruz inspired by the '50s

Spanish actress Monica Cruz, left, attended Toronto Fashion Week on Monday where the fall/winter Mango collection she co-designed with big sister actress Penelope Cruz was showcased. The Madrid-born siblings' limited-edition collection for Spanish retailer Mango, in stores now, features evening wear and some vintage-inspired styles. Through her translator she said the line was inspired by the American pinups of the 1950s. Mango clothing is available across Canada and be purchased at *mangoshop.com*. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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One necklace, lots of layers

Style File

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ask kim

I always hear about sample sales but never know when and where they are. Is there a site I could look at that has listings of sample sales?

Sample sales are one of the best places to look for designer clothing at almost cost prices. Check out national websites like *styledemocracy.com* or *ilovesamplesalesonline.com* and remember to always arrive early to ensure first pick on sizes and styles.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

Layered
Designer: Dotted Loop
Shop: Briers
Address: 2070 West 4th Ave.
(604-730-0379)

Charming
Designer: Toodle Bunny
Shop: Barefoot Contessa
Address: Various locations
toodlebunny.com

Mixed
Designer: Melissa Clemente
Shop: Various locations
Address: Various locations
melissaclementedesigns.com

Extra Protection
Designer: American Eagle
Shop: American Eagle
Address: Various locations
ae.com

Sporty
Designer: Bollé
Shop: Various locations
Address: Various locations
bollé.com

Classic
Designer: D&G
Shop: Sunglass Hut
Address: Various locations
sunglasshut.com

necklaces

This season's necklaces are all about layered chains, little charms and mixed metals. The necklace by designer Melissa Clemente is an excellent example of the look for this season. Try these necklaces on top of a plain white T-shirt or dress and I guarantee it will look polished and pulled together. And remember: always spend a little more money on real jewelry. Some costume jewelry bought at inexpensive prices can end up wearing off on you, breaking or even carrying a strong metal odour.

sunglasses

Sometimes we forget that we need protection from the sun during the fall and winter months. Steer clear from sun damage around the eyes with sunglasses that wrap around and have thicker stems that protect you from all sides. When you're out shopping try to stay away from flashy labels that can be seen a block away. Instead, opt for something that is simple and not labeled with faux diamonds — this style will give you more wear in the long run.

accessory

A different take on the original purse hook. Just roll it out and hang it. It's compact and simple to use. $35 available at U The Life accessory store. (*ulifestore.com*)

psst...

Save the date! The Comme des Garçons for H&M clothing will hit the stores this November 13th. Only 200 stores were selected so make sure you hit the Pacific Centre H&M location to grab the limited edition collection.

tip

Polish gold, diamond or other semi-precious stones by soaking them in lukewarm water. Add one tablespoon of salt and detergent. Brush gently with a soft bristle brush. (*indiwo.com*)

Before applying fake lashes, beauty experts advise measuring and cutting them to fit.

How to fake the look

BEAUTY If cosmetic procedures like lash extensions seem too extreme and mascara just doesn't cut it, another option to creating luscious doll-like lashes is a pair of false ones.

"They give an extra oomph to the eye. They change the shape of the eye and give you a different look," explains Adi Lando, Canadian Sephora Pro Beauty Team expert.

Before applying the lashes, Lando suggests first curling your own lashes. Measure the false lashes and cut them to fit the eye.

While similar techniques are used, MAC emphasizes cleaning the lashes once they are used, by using a Q-Tip and an oil-free eye makeup remover. This will help preserve the life of the lashes and allow you to use them more than once, according to Julie St-Laurent, MAC senior artist.

"Whenever you put anything this close to the eyes, you want to make sure there won't be any bacteria growth," explains St-Laurent.

Shoppers' exclusive brand, Quo, also offers individual synthetic eyelashes and full-banded sets made of human hair.

VERONICA BOODHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

Watts in talks to play outspoken teacher

Actress Naomi Watts is set to play Nobel Prize winner and controversial peace campaigner Jody Williams in a new biopic. Watts is in talks to take on the role of the outspoken teacher who became known for her work on the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

More Dexter

Showtime has picked up Dexter (starring Michael C. Hall) for two more seasons. Seasons 4 and 5 will consist of 12 episodes each, with production to start this spring in Los Angeles. TVGUIDE.COM

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●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Musical's senior year

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada

To paraphrase Roger Daltry: The kids are still all right.

"We have the best fans in the world," said Olesya Rulin, who has appeared in all three of Disney's High School Musical movies. "It's just been mind-blowing to be a part of all this."

Mind-blowing is a good way to describe the song-and-dance movie sensation that has captivated teens and preteens in North America. The saga of the thespian students attending Albuquerque's Eastside High continues tomorrow when Disney rolls out the third entry in the series.

Along with returning stars like Rulin — who plays Kelsi Nielsen — High School Musical 3: Senior Year will feature new members of the student body, played by Justin Martin and Matt Prokop.

Olesya Rulin, far left, in High School Musical 3 with fellow actresses KayCee Stroh, Britt Stewart, Vanessa Hudgens, Monique Coleman.

"We were welcomed by the regulars right away," said 18-year-old Martin, who plays Donny Dion. "The first day we all ended up playing Rock Band (on the computer) and watching movies in Ashley's (Tisdale) trailer."

"It really is like an HSM family," added Prokop. The cast had a mere five-week rehearsal schedule, and a very economic 44-day shoot, to pull High School Musical 3 together.

"That's less than half of a regular film musical," said director Kenny Ortega. "We could accomplish that because the kids were so well versed in the production."

Still, it's obvious from the three actors' laughter that they had a terrific time together. All three got longboards and followed series star Zac Efron while he skateboarded around the set. "We did get in trouble for that," admitted Prokop. "After all, if Zac sprained an ankle he wouldn't be able to do his dance numbers."

Needless to say, the boards were put in storage until shooting was wrapped. Being forced into more sedentary pastimes, the cast got a vinyl kiddie pool, pulled up some lawn chairs, soaked their feet after labourious dance numbers and enjoyed the Utah heat, where filming took place.

AC/DC

Album: Black Ice
Label: Columbia/Sony BMG
Rating: ●●●

ONE FORMULA DRIVES this five-member Aussie institution — rock 'n' roll. Want proof? Three songs make reference to it; one more says they're 'rocking.' Really. But would you honestly expect, 35 years on, that schoolboy-dressing blues-metal riffmeister Angus Young et al would dare reinvent themselves as power balladeers or into techno remixes or sappy country-pop? That said, this first new AC/DC effort in eight years, er, rocks with more of the energy of 1995's Ballbreaker than 1980's Back in Black, lacking many of Young's hook-laden intros, filled instead with some ZZ Top-meets-CCR swampy rhythms.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

Sebastien Grainger

Album: Sebastien Grainger & The Mountains
Label: Outside
Rating: ●●●●

SEBASTIEN GRAINGER PULLS himself out of the crater left by Death From Above 1979 for his first full-length solo effort. Grainger discovers that he doesn't have to use a rubber mallet to drive home his point. There's surprisingly strong melody behind the bending walls of roughly textured rock. And he earns extra points for being able to craft an indie-rock anthem around the chorus: "I hate my friends, most of the time." Even the noise sounds sweet here.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Read the rest of this week's album reviews at metronews.ca/music

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critics'corner

Kath & Kim
Kath (Molly Shannon) can't wait to start planning her big wedding to Phil (John Michael Higgins) but starts to feel insecure when Kim (Selma Blair) says she might be too old to have an extravagant wedding. Kath thinks she might be right and is later convinced when she catches Phil with a younger woman. Meanwhile, Kim suspects her estranged husband (Mikey Day) is having an affair. 8:30 PM on JOY NBC

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
In the new episode "Art Imitates Life," a number of people are found dead, looking as if they simply died in the middle of what they were doing. Lets hope they were doing something fun — such as tennis or tree climbing. Nevertheless, the CSI team tries to figure out what keeps the corpses from collapsing. Lauren Lee Smith joins the cast as CSI Riley Adams. 8 PM on CTV

Britney Spears case dismissed

Spears

PEOPLE A judge has dismissed a charge of driving without a licence against Britney Spears after jurors said they could not reach a verdict and a prosecutor said he would not pursue a retrial.

The charge stemmed from an August 2007 collision. Prosecutors said Spears had lived in California since May 2006 and was required to get a licence. Her attorney argued she had a licence from her home state of Louisiana. REUTERS

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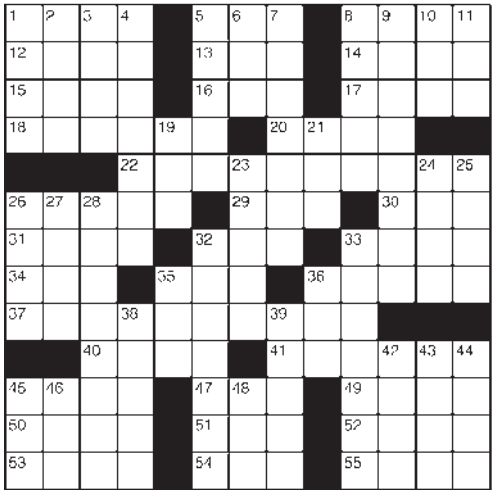

Crossword across

1 Long cut
5 Scrooge's cry
8 Treaty
12 Ready for the picking
13 Leading lady?
14 Perjurer
15 Concept
16 Author Fleming
17 Set of "Risk" tokens
18 Mark over a long vowel
20 Catnap
22 Trophy wife's partner
26 Speak like 51-Across
29 Central
30 100 square meters
31 Unctuous
32 Carton
33 Circulate
34 Praiseful poem
35 Entertainment
36 Horn noises
37 Britney and Christina, e.g.
40 Suspended
41 Spoof
45 Bridge
47 Part of UCLA
49 Responsibility
50 Teller's partner
51 Farm female
52 Elevator man
53 Bohemian
54 Gender
55 Zilch

Crossword down

1 Gloomy
2 Verdi opera
3 Detail, for short
4 Inadmissible testimony of a sort
5 Existence
6 Ms. Gardner
7 Woodstock headliner
8 Shopping center
9 Black-and-tan terrier
10 Rotating part
11 Attempt
19 Chic no more
21 Peculiar
23 Surrounded by
24 Let fall
25 Some evergreens
26 Not-so-ugly Betty
27 Beach resort
28 GOP symbol
32 Messes up
33 Decorate
35 Half a sawbuck
36 Support system?
38 Optimistic
39 New Jersey county
42 Digging
43 Destruction
44 Latin 5-Down
45 Masseur's workplace
46 Apiece
48 Have bills

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

8			7					
9		5		2	4			8
	6	7	1					
						3	9	
7		2				1		6
	5	8						
					1	5	4	
1			9	3		2		7
					2			9

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

7	8	9	5	4	3	1	2	6
1	2	5	7	9	6	8	3	4
6	4	3	8	2	1	9	7	5
3	6	2	9	8	4	7	5	1
5	9	7	1	3	2	6	4	8
8	1	4	6	5	7	2	9	3
2	7	8	3	6	5	4	1	9
9	3	1	4	7	8	5	6	2
4	5	6	2	1	9	3	8	7

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Piquant Pasta and Tuna Salad

INGREDIENTS:
8 oz (250 g) pasta twists or spirals, such as cavatappi, fusilli or rotini
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
2 zucchini, thinly sliced
2 tsp (10 ml) sugar
2 tbsp (25 ml) commercially prepared red or green pesto sauce
1 tbsp (15 ml) white or red wine vinegar
1 tbsp (15 ml) capers
6 tomatoes, halved and cut into thin wedges
1 can (6 oz/170 g) water-packed solid white tuna, drained and roughly flaked
6 black olives, pitted and halved
Garnish: Fresh flat-leaf parsley

METHOD:
1. Cook pasta according to package instructions, until al dente. Drain well, rinse with cold water, and drain again.
2. While pasta is cooking, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil in a saucepan. Add onion and garlic, and sauté for 3 minutes, stirring often. Add remaining oil and zucchini and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes.
3. Add sugar, pesto, vinegar and capers to onion and zucchini. Heat for a few seconds, stirring until ingredients have combined to form a dressing. Stir in tomatoes, then transfer the mixture to large mixing bowl and set aside to cool.
4. Add drained pasta to the bowl. Gently mix in tuna and olives. Serve garnished with flat-leaf parsley leaves, if desired.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone cares deeply for you. A clever female makes the rounds. Giving special treatment to someone will become important.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You can help others fulfill their ambitions. Avoid alienating a brilliant leader. Fine people will create turmoil by the book.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Provide a rational explanation for a rebellious deed. Get somebody involved to facilitate a change. Look forward to fun and laughter.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Seize the moment to admit you were wrong. A mild-mannered male wants to tell the truth. A miraculous attitude change inspires rewards at work.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Prepare to take action when confronted. Identify those who'll stand with you in bad times. A poverty-stricken man makes a vague request.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Someone's cynicism becomes apparent. Examine things that make you anxious. Congratulate a geeky man for persisting.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Prepare to learn more about a critical person. Get rid of conflict by following the rules. A colleague has a dispute about a plan.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Research is hindered by private stuff behind the scenes. A reluctant person is an authority at work. A fool has to talk about ending a state of affairs.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone's gaze is more than you can bear. Certain dangerous things don't appeal to you. A young man makes time for happy news.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Be thankful for a friend's hard luck. Don't underestimate the ingenuity of a woman. A newcomer has a good reason to celebrate.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A mystery is solved when a phenomenon occurs. Concerned friends may not complain of poor treatment. Don't convince a friend he's wrong.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Bondage to an outworn fantasy begins to ease. Get your paperwork done before a playful encounter. An impatient man looks for the source of a problem.

This day in history

OCT. 23, 4004 BC: Creation of the world begins, according to the calculations of Archbishop James Ussher, but on the sunset of the preceding day.
OCT. 23, 1694: American colonial forces, led by Sir William Phipps, fail to seize Quebec.
OCT. 23, 1867: 72 Senators are summoned by Royal Proclamation to serve as the first members of the Canadian Senate.
OCT. 23, 1917: Lenin calls for the October Revolution.
OCT. 23, 1930:The first miniature golf tournament was completed in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
OCT. 23, 2001: Apple releases the iPod.

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BY TRICKY RICKY KAHN

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words like FAT CAT and HOT ROD RUDY, and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Served a meal to newsman Koppel (1)
2. Possess a cell for calls (1)
3. Cloud formation gripe (1)
4. Indulge one who prays for lodgings (2)
5. Pa's pa's postage: stick-ons (1)
6. Bedroom footwear footsteps with teeth (2)
7. Cheap restaurant foliage of a healthy color (1)

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Cop show recruits Moynahan

Bridget Moynahan has signed on to co-star with Donnie Wahlberg in a new cop drama from Jerry Bruckheimer for TNT. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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SUV passengers sue Lindsay

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LEGAL Lindsay Lohan is being sued by three men in an SUV she drove during a car chase leading to her second DUI arrest last year, People.com reports.

The actress was "angry and aggressive" and the men "felt surprise, shock, fear and panic at Lohan's surprising and sudden act" of allegedly commandeering a car in which they happened to be sitting to chase her personal assistant through the streets of Santa Monica, Calif., according to the lawsuit.

Lohan's attorney, Ed McPherson, tells TMZ.com the lawsuit is "absurd."

The plaintiffs — Ronnie Blake, Jakon Sutter and Dante Nigro — are seeking unspecified damages in the case, filed in Superior Court in Santa Monica.

Although nobody was physically injured, their suit describes a wild, traumatic ride with Lohan allegedly angry and intoxicated as she went after the other car following a party.

"Dante and Jakon continued to implore Lohan to slow down, stating specifically that she was endangering all of their lives and that they could be killed," the lawsuit says. "Lohan refused to slow or stop, but instead responded with abusive cursing and vulgar language, including a statement that she did not care about the risk of death."

The lawsuit adds: "She also stated that because she was a celebrity she could do whatever she wants."

Following her arrest, Lohan reached a plea deal in the case and spent 84 minutes in jail for DUI.

She also was sued by the passenger in the car she allegedly chased.

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Pink had nuptial doubt

RELATIONSHIPS Singer Pink reportedly knew her marriage to Carey Hart would never last, because neither of them could handle such a big commitment, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Pink, who split from motocross star Hart earlier this year after two years of marriage, admits she had her doubts right from the start, even though she was the one who proposed.

"I proposed to him by holding up a sign saying 'Marry Me' when he was doing a motocross race. He nearly fell off his bike. To be honest, even when he said yes I knew there was a little part of both of us that couldn't handle being married," said the star, whose real name is Alecia Moore.

"We did it because we loved each other so much. We wanted to eat each other all the time we were together, but maybe marriage wasn't ever going to be our thing."

Pink is still struggling to come to terms with their split, adding: "I'm not over it. I love him."

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Hannigan, hubby expecting their 1st

FAMILY Actress Alyson Hannigan is pregnant, her rep Megan Moss has told People.

The How I Met Your Mother star, 34, and her husband, actor Alexis Denisof, 42, will welcome their first child this spring, People.com reports.

The couple met on the set of Buffy the Vampire Slayer during the 1999-2000 season and were married at the Two Bunch Palms resort near Palm Springs, Calif., on Oct. 11, 2003.

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Friend who set up Guy, Madonna opens up

RELATIONSHIPS As the one who originally introduced pop star Madonna and director Guy Ritchie nine years ago, Trudie Styler hopes the divorcing couple will stay friends, People.com reports.

"I wish them both well," Styler said. "I think they're destined to become great pals."

Styler also told Extra, "They're both big enough people to become great friends in time, and I'm sure that they will for the sake of their kids, if nothing else."

Styler and her husband, singer Sting, set up Madonna and Ritchie during a 1999 dinner party at their Wiltshire, England, home.

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Hough hospitalized

PEOPLE Julianne Hough has been taken to hospital after suffering abdominal pains backstage on Dancing With The Stars, imdb.com reports.

Professional dancer Hough was taken to Los Angeles Cedars-Sinai Medical Center following her performance on the program Tuesday night.

She had been complaining of stomach pains prior to her appearance, but after her dance, with celebrity partner, actor Cody Linley, an ambulance was called to take her to hospital, according to TMZ.com.

"She was experiencing slight stomach pains all day that increased and the doctors thought it was best to have them checked out," her representative Cindy Guagenti tells Access Hollywood.

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Davis, Mahoney in Treatment
Former Frasier star John Mahoney and actress Hope Davis are the latest additions to the Season 2 cast of In Treatment, starring Gabriel Byrne. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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HELLO! Hot shot of the week

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Prince William, 26, and his younger brother Harry, 24, rev up for a gruelling eight-day, 1,500-km motorcycle trek in Africa to raise money for three causes including Harry's own charity, Sentebale, which funds community projects in Lesotho. "It's going to be very challenging," said Harry, "and we're expecting to fall off many a time."
HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands – read more at hellomagazine.ca

Paris denies texting princes

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has phoned home from London to clear up royal romantic rumours, imdb.com reports.

The socialite called into Ryan Seacrest's radio show in Los Angeles recently to address British tabloid reports she has been caught flirting with Princes William and Harry after meeting the brothers in London.

Hilton told Seacrest she has met with William and Harry, but there's nothing to the rumours, and she's not texting love notes to either of them.

"They're very nice boys, very down to earth and sweet but there's nothing romantic going on at all," she said. "They just came up and said hello. There's no texting going on; I'm reading that I invited them to Las Vegas to a club — that never happened. I have a boyfriend (rocker Benji Madden) ... I would never say that in a million years and it just annoys me that particularly the media out in the U.K., they will not only make up stories, they'll also go as far to make up quotes that I supposedly said."

Hilton is in London shooting a British version of her reality show My BFF.

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Kate may purchase Caribbean getaway

PEOPLE Kate Moss is reportedly planning to buy a Caribbean home to share with her boyfriend Jamie Hince, imdb.com reports.

The couple have enjoyed an on-off relationship, breaking up last month but reuniting soon afterwards.

But despite their rocky relationship, the model reportedly is set to invest in a property in Puerto Rico, so she can continue her relationship with The Kills frontman away from prying eyes.

"She wants somewhere very private and reckons she and Jamie could find peace and tranquility on the island," a source tells Britain's The Sun newspaper.

"It will be her special place where she can escape from the limelight," the source added.

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Rumours irk Dakota's director

PEOPLE Moviemaker Rowan Woods has denied branding child star Dakota Fanning difficult to work with, insisting the rumours are not true, imdb.com reports.

Woods directed the 14-year-old star in new film Winged Creatures and was recently reported to have called her a "disaster" onset over her diva-like behaviour.

But Woods is adamant that he never made the comments and has praised the teenager for her professionalism.

"I am very upset and disappointed on behalf of Dakota that such untruths have spun around the Internet in regards to Dakota and Winged Creatures and that those opinions be attributed to me. They are not my opinions," Woods writes in a statement to Defamer.com. "Dakota Fanning is an incredible actor and a wonderful person. I am proud to be associated with Dakota's amazing performance."

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Did Jennifer pop the question?

GOSSIP Following rumours that newly reunited couple Jennifer Aniston and singer John Mayer are expecting a baby (which her rep has denied), comes this bit of gossip from Star magazine: The actress proposed to the singer.

After a reported barrage of romantic e-mails from him, "she said that she'd only take him back if they got married, and he agreed," says a source. "They both know this is it. She wants to settle down, and finally, so does he. They've even talked about having a family, and John said that he couldn't imagine doing it with anyone but her."

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